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**THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 19, '32.**

## INDIAN CREEK COAL RATES.

The Indian Creek Valley coal field is threatened on the one hand by the injunction suit of the Mountain Water Supply Company, and on the other by the alleged discrimination against it in the matter of through freight rates. In spite of these obstacles, its early development is inevitable if its ownership falls into large operating hands.

The suit of the Indian Creek Valley operators and the Indian Creek Valley Railroad Company against the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, to compel the latter to extend the Somerset county rate to the Indian Creek field and absorb the Indian Creek Valley railroad's charges, will soon be heard by the Interstate Commerce Commission, and the decision will be awaited with interest as well technically as commercially.

The preliminary statement of the Indian Creek Valley railroad is ingenious in argument and interesting in detail. While the Interstate Commerce Commission will at first glance probably fail to see any measure of equity in the proposition that the Baltimore & Ohio shall extend the Somerset rate to Indian Creek and absorb the smaller line's charges, yet the policy of regulation by the Interstate Commerce Commission is to make rates equitable as between large competing regions or districts and uniform within the limits of the same.

The Indian Creek Valley railroad is properly classified with the Somerset county coal region and should take the same eastern railroad rates. The argument is a fairly strong one.

If the contention of the complainant is upheld by the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Baltimore & Ohio will be required to extend the Somerset rate to the Indian Creek Valley railroad; in other words, what share of the through rate eastward should be awarded the Indian Creek Valley railroad, 20 miles the coal which the main line system hauls 200 miles. The east-bound rate seems to vary materially according to the distance of haul, and according to the weight of the coal. Indian Creek Valley coal is heavier than the Somerset coal, and it is just possible that this valuable consideration has not been fully considered.

## GREENE COUNTY COAL SALES.

Within the last few years, The Courier has suggested that the Connelville and Lower Connelville coke regions as now defined were approaching exhaustion more rapidly than most people suspected, and that the only remaining coal of like character, namely, that of Eastern Greene county and Southern Washington county, would soon be invaded by the march of coke region development.

This year has seen that development actually begin.

There have been a number of large coal purchases in this field and most of them will be under operation in the near future.

But the raising of the bridge is demanded, not for the betterment of the B. & O. grades, but for the protection of B. & O. employees from accident and death, the number of victims of the Pennsylvania overhead bridge are sufficient warrant for the demand.

The higher consideration will prove a high pressure upon the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

## THE B. & O. WRECK.

The disastrous runaway wreck on the Connelville division of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad is unfortunately not a new experience. It is a ghastly repetition of what has happened before.

These runaway accidents have not been so frequent as they have been appalling in the loss of life and destruction of property; and their results indicate that some radical changes are necessary in the operating plans, or the grades and curves of this portion of the division, in the interest of the rule of Safety First.

The wisdom and experience of the management will doubtless suggest some better safeguards than seem now to exist.

## PEACEFUL SOCIALISM.

In this happy Christmas, with the spirit of idealism abroad in the land, the Socialists, whose name is popularly associated with violence and disorder, are preaching the doctrine of "Peace on Earth and Good Will to men."

There is nothing surprising in this action of the Socialist party as it now exists, now in the popular misapprehension of its character. There are different degrees of Socialism and different kinds of Socialists.

The foreign Socialist has been close kin to the Anarchist. He has preached the hell of war; his banner was red, symbolical of bloodshed; his aims were revolutionary, and violence is the only method he for a long time considered for their attainment.

The American Socialist propagandists are also more or less revolutionary, but the American Socialist hopes to bring about their adoption by the peaceful and ordinary process of the ballot.

The American Socialist preaches the Stars and Stripes of freedom to the crimson banner of similar purpose.

Utopian, but it is not necessarily vicious, and so long as it is advocated in a reasonable and proper manner, it is a reasonable and proper thing for people to believe that it is a candidate just as much right on the ballot as those of other political parties.

If the Socialists are sincerely desirous of improving their lot, they should be permitted to do so through the ballot, and not through the use of force.

In the meantime, however, the preaching of peace is opportune.

## PRACTICAL CONSERVATION.

The Secretary of the Interior, in his annual report, devotes considerable space to discussion of water power grants on streams passing through the national forests, and on navigable waters not included in the public domain, and he concludes that such grants are proper and permissible for the purpose of conserving water and development, but that grants should not be made save conditionally upon their being exercised within a reasonable time for proper purposes.

The nation has recently awakened to the sinfulness of our natural resources and the solemn obligation we owe to posterity to conserve the heritage of our children. The coal supply of the country, great as it is, will not last forever. In a brief span of years, it is measured in terms of millions of years. It is a national liability, and it is a national treasure.

The present and future economy of hydro-electric development and the conservation of water power are the restoration of our streams by reforestation of the banks and watersheds.

In the same connection, the proposal to build storage dams for the double purpose of flood prevention and water supply for dry seasons might be considered from the standpoint of conserving water and the furnishing of hydro-electric power.

Conservation is a great question and the most serious problem in connection therewith is how to apply the principle practically.

## WATER MAINS AND MINES.

Worked-out mining operations in Connelville and the region are reported to be menacing to water lines in some places, and perhaps in other places large water mains are something of a menace to mining conditions.

Worked-out mining areas usually connect with active workings, and the bursting of a big water main such as those of the Mountain Water Supply Company might be a serious menace to miners as well as to mines.

Where water mains have been laid over and upon worked-out coal areas, the danger to the water mains and the mines as well as themselves and their mine, under other conditions, it may be that this responsibility should be placed on the mining interest; but in either event, it is plainly the duty of both interests to cooperate to the end that there shall be no menace to human life.

## THE HIGHER CONSIDERATION.

The proposition of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company to spend \$10,000 in raising the Pennsylvania railroad bridge at Connelville so as to obviate the danger to B. & O. brakemen is one which will be welcomed by the Pennsylvania railroad, but rather a detriment, since it will increase still further the grade over the bridge.

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## PARCELS POST PROMISES.

The Postmaster General is optimistic concerning the beneficial effects of the Parcel Post.

It will, he predicts, go far toward solving the vexatious problem of the high cost of living. While he gives no details, it is presumed that he bases his opinion upon the fact that it will be an efficient means of communication between the farm and the town, the producer and the consumer.

The urban consumer will give his telephone order for a pair of chickens, a peck of potatoes, a dozen eggs and a couple of pounds of butter, which will be delivered by mail carrier express via R. F. D. 23.

The Parcel Post has the curb Market faded to a cheerless twilight.

## THE DANGERS OF FIRE.

The unusual number of destructive and fatal fires since cold weather set in this fall emphasizes the wisdom and the necessity of extra precautions against dangers from this source.

Natural gas connections should be up to safety regulations, and leaks should be carefully watched. The gas pressure has been more variable than usual this fall and the company should endeavor to remedy this rather dangerous condition.

Open coal grates should be carefully banked at night and hearths protected against falling coals by angle fenders. Coal stoves should likewise be protected by proper sheet iron guards, and overheated flues and pipes guarded against.

Waste papers and the carelessly thrown lighted match, the kerosene lamp and the tippy tallow dip; the lace curtain and the open gas jet; and, last but not least, the coffee pot and the gasolene; all should be watched with a renewed sense of their dangers and our responsibilities in connection therewith.

A destructive fire is one of the most striking examples of the fact that it is much easier to start some things than to stop them.

It has taken a great deal longer to unscrew the Glenwood wreck than it did to pile it up.

While Peace palavers war thunders at the walls of Constantinople.

An open pit lamp is not the best thing in the world to hunt an open keg of powder with. The discovery is apt to be much too sudden.

The Commerce Court may have been a fifth wheel in the judicial wagon, but if the railroad freight discrimination case keeps on piling up the Interstate Commerce Commission will have to be enlarged.

The Western Maryland railroad, seeking the development of coal business on its Connelville division, has succeeded in developing a serious damage suit against the Pennsylvania railroad right on its right-of-way.

If the Anthracite Coal Trust is permissible under the Sherman Anti-Trust Act, the Steel Trust had nothing to be nervous about.

Rockwood is certain it is a railroad center now that the Baltimore & Ohio has determined to enlarge its yards there.

The Pennsylvania Society of New York seems to be very much Fayette county.

The Supreme Court intimates that the coal companies of the anthracite region have a right to merge, but that the railroads haven't any business in the merger. It would seem that the railroads are the eggs and the coal companies are the chickens, and the nation has no right to be scrambled.

The Baltimore & Ohio did a big Santa Claus business in Connelville yesterday.

The chestnut blight has been chased out of Chestnut ridge. No longer have we to eat only chestnuts, but the chestnut worms out of the chestnut the chestnut blight would be relieved of frequent bitterness.

Connelville has a fine new post-office but poorer postal service than ever. It can thank the Republican party for the former and blame the Democratic party for the latter.

The Republicans gave us the postoffice and the Democrats cut down the appropriation for running it. If this is an example of Democratic reform, and it looks suspiciously like it, the victims of political unrest will not be long in looking for every political speech to be paid for.

The rule of Safety First is not proof against a streak of bad luck.

The danger of train-jumping is once more sadly exemplified in the fate of the Scottdale youth who lost his life at Connelville Saturday evening. Under the most favorable circumstances, boarding a passenger train while it is in motion is dangerous, but it is a little short of madness to attempt to climb upon a vestibuled coach whose doors are closed; but youth is prone to recklessness, and older heads can do but little more than advise.

The Upper Connelville region is expanding to the coke boom.

The former Connelville coke brokers are either burning coke themselves or brokering in foreign coal. They have lost a perfectly good "kitty."

It's hard to tell in this progressive age what Safety First or First Aid comes first.

As a bear hunter, John Pierpont Morgan has the Jungle Hunters shot to a frazzle.

The European war volcano is still smoking.

The Attorney General of the United States has the enthusiastic sympathy of the rising generation in his effort to "bust" the Candy Trust.

Sanitary reform in B. & O. railroad circles is moving to paper towels. The best that can be said for the paper towel is that it is an improvement on the oak shingle.

To Connelville come people from far Japan to study trolley practice, just as they come from all over the world to study caking practice in the Connelville region. We are the center of things.

In the present condition of the coal trade it looks as if the Eastern Ohio operators were more sentimental than sensible.

The Dore Devil Young is threatened with death at Onyiah and Friendsville without the aid or consent of the United States Government.

The B. & O. wreck was not only horrible in its slaughter, but it was also expensive in its destruction of property. Safety first has its compensation as well as its humanitarian side, though the one fact does not necessarily impugn the motives of the other.

Padding the payroll is a hard feat to get away with.

Fire reforestation in the neighborhood of towns and cities is not recommended. The Cambria Steel

## Abe Martin



The boy that delivers papers on roller skates may live to be a golf ball holder, but his chances for the presidency are pretty slim.

Bellevue Hall is a funny old building. It holds five thousand when Bryan speaks and four hundred when East Lyons comes.

The most useful thing in the world is a fair reformer with a flock of sheep.

A fellow is never so full of himself as when he begins to believe in himself.

Company tried it near Johnstown and the demand for Christmas trees is being supplied from the pine seedlings Santa Claus is no respecter of corporate forest growth.

Timber disputes are getting as numerous as coal mines, probably because timber has become even more valuable than coal.

The Bureau of Mines and the Parcel Post are husky examples of Democratic economy and efficiency.

Immigration to the Connelville coke region has not wholly ceased, but the bunkers are smaller and further apart. Under the circumstances, perhaps the coke operators are congratulating themselves that immigrants are coming at all.

The Cheat river development runs to railroads and timber as well as dams and hydro-electric energy, and the Kundaale want it understood that the former portion of the improvement is their own, and the latter, and only enterprise, it pleases us to record the fact, and to observe in the same connection that there seems to be a connection between the Kundaale and the Kundaale.

Water is getting to be valuable along the Cheat river, even the mountains, and it is small wonder that the B. & O. clings tenaciously to its water rights on the high spots of the Connelville division.

The Money Trust is being discovered by the Democratic profbers. When it has been discovered, they will probably be found that it does not do a trust business after all.

The roadmakers are racing with winter. These races are annual events.

It has been repeatedly stated that the Connelville coke region would have some coal left after it went out of the coke business, but the statement has never been taken seriously. It is never the case, and at least one enterprising owner is already reported to be going after the dreamer soon.

The developments will be decided interest.

The children are being moved out of West Virginia's strike zone. It might be an excellent idea to move the strike out, too. There's plenty of work at good wages waiting for them in other coal regions. The Connelville coke region is short of men.

If Congress approves the recommendations of the Government engineers, and appropriates \$2,000,000 for the improvement of the Ohio, it will help that good work materially.

The Anthracite impementment shows how a Pennsylvania coal bank can become a mountain of obstruction to national business.

A Dunbar township boy who wouldn't go to school has been sent to jail. Most boys will agree that the school is not as bad as the jail. The school lets out every day; the jail never lets out.

The report that Henry C. Frick will become the chairman of the Board of Directors and the real head of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company is not at all surprising. He has for some years been one of the largest stockholders and a dominant power in shaping the policies of the company. The company will be fortunate in having his services if it can get them.

The Pittsburgh hump has been amputated, but the doctor's bill will be high. The wages of common labor are \$2.25.

The Sand Patch tunnel was not a smooth bore, and it was the victim of a rough haul, but it promised to survive all its troubles and become a very important part of the Connelville division in a very short time. When the tunnel is completed the workmen can find employment under better conditions in the Connelville mines.

One of Mount Pleasant's industries has been sold, but it is announced that it will be moved away. There is some consolation in the thought that the town can't get this dead industry going, the next best thing is to convert it into cash and get the cash in circulation.

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## RELIGIOUS CENSUS WILL BE TAKEN; SUPERVISORS NAMED

Various Churches Assign Men to Have Charge of the Census of This Section.

The movement to take the religious census of Connelville and vicinity has been resumed and S. B. Henry and A. J. Long have been reappointed to complete arrangements.

The plan is to divide the town into districts, making each ward a district with several additional districts in the suburbs. Each church is to furnish a supervisor and a certain number of visitors.

The following supervisors have been chosen by the different churches: First Baptist church, S. B. Henry; Methodist Episcopal church, C. H. Whiteley; First Presbyterian church, J. A. Armstrong; Methodist Protestant church, B. M. Fenn; Christian church, M. J. James; Trinity Lutheran church, Grover Leasing; United Brethren church, George Showman; United Presbyterian church, F. R. Yoder.

The visitors were apportioned as follows: Methodist Episcopal, 30; Methodist Protestant, 20; First Presbyterian, 25; Trinity Lutheran, 30; Christian, 25; First Baptist, 25; United Brethren, 15; United Presbyterian, 15; Trinity Reformed, 10; South Connelville Evangelical church, 10.

## SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTY BEGIN CONVENTION

Committees Are Named and Reports Made at the Session at Uniontown, Pa.

The annual convention of the directors of the Fayette county schools opened on Wednesday in Uniontown, with directors from all over the county in attendance.

The following were appointed: Resolutions, G. L. Moore, W. J. Johnson and N. C. East; Education, Frank C. Rush, John B. Frasier and M. J. James; Audit, J. C. Wilson, G. W. Honsaker and A. M. McClelland.

The election of officers will take place tomorrow.

Frank C. Rush, delegate to the seventeenth annual State convention in Harrisburg, gave a report of the convention. George Johnson gave reports of the annual convention of the State Educational Association in Philadelphia to which they were delegates.

J. C. Wilson of North Union township spoke on "The Effects Arising from the Crowded Condition of Public Schools." Dr. A. S. Hazen of Uniontown read a paper on "District Schools." This afternoon the directors are attending the teachers' institute.

## UNIONTOWN POLICEMAN KILLS HIMSELF; SUFFERING BLAMED

Severe Headache Cause Harry Woods to Commit Suicide by Shooting Himself Yesterday.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 18.—Harry Woods, 31 years old, a member of the Uniontown Police force, committed suicide this morning by shooting himself in the chest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Woods, on the Pittsburgh road. He lived but a few minutes after firing the shot.

Woods was on night duty for the past week and did not report last night. He sent a report that he was suffering from a terrible headache and said he could not stand the strain much longer. Medicine was given him throughout the night. Then he took his revolver, loaded by a brother on starting on the police force, and fired the bullet into his heart. He is survived by four brothers and five sisters in addition to his parents.

## CONNELLSVILLE BRAKEMAN ARRESTED FOR KIDNAPING

Further Charges May be Preferred at Instance of Woman Who Prosecutes.

George Phillips, a brakeman on the Connelville division of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, residing here, is under arrest in Cumberland charged with kidnaping the six-year-old daughter of Mrs. Pearl Hoff. Mrs. Hoff makes the further charge that Phillips induced her to come to Connelville on the pretense of taking charge of a boarding house, but instead she was taken elsewhere and held a prisoner. She says she escaped through a window and returned to Cumberland to prosecute him.

Phillips is said to be a friend of Ralph Hoff, a Baltimore & Ohio brakeman, husband of the woman who filed the charge of "white slave" traffic.

Phillips is said to be one of the charges which Mrs. Hoff may prefer against Phillips, as a result of her trip to Connelville.

## LITTLE GIRL FRIGHTFULLY BURNED; DIES FROM HURTS

Clothing Ignites From Open Gas Stove and Fatal Injuries Are the Result.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 18.—Lorrie O'Bryon, the 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Bryon, of Fayette street, was fatally burned when her clothing ignited from a gas fire in her home this morning.

Her dresses were consumed and her face and body terribly scalded by the flames. She died later.

The little girl was standing before a gas stove when her skirt caught. She ran screaming through the house and struggled to escape from those who tried to smother out the blaze. The physicians were called to attend her.

## Craved Youth Blamed.

Investigation has led to the conclusion that a student, now said to be a raving maniac in a West Virginia asylum, was the betrayer of Nitte Hughes, a 16-year-old Connelville girl, whose body was found in the Monongahela river at Morgantown last July.

Wants Early Report.

State Highway Commissioner D. M. Bigelow is sending to supervisors calls for reports of work. Those who fail to file them before January 1 will lose their share of the State appropriation.

## MINERS' SCHOOL IS PLANNED HERE BY THE Y. M. C. A.

University of Pittsburgh Offers Services of Instructor.

Men in the pits will be given opportunity to qualify at the State Tests to be held in April, if they desire first aid lessons for boys.

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The students will be under necessity of buying only such pamphlets as are used in the course.

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## DEATH TOLL IN WRECK IS FIVE; CREW CENSURED

Improper Handling Believed Cause of Freight's Wild Race.

### GENERAL MANAGER'S STATEMENT

Besides Crew, Bodies of Two Others are Found and More May Be Buried Beneath the Debris—Injured Fireman is Dying, Brakeman is Better.

The toll of death in Thursday's terrible wreck on the Connelville division of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad was placed at five Friday. In addition to the two brakemen known to have perished, another is missing and the safety of one in doubt. Besides these, two other bodies were found in the wreckage. One was that of John Evans, a pumper who lived at Hyndman, and the other supposedly a tramp.

Just what has become of Fireman C. S. Gardner is in doubt. Although the official report of General Manager C. W. Galloway states that he leaped from his locomotive with Engineer George Kimmel, all other reports state that the fireman is still missing and he is supposed to have perished. That the train was improperly handled is the conclusion reached by General Manager Galloway, who states that a thorough investigation will be made. Engineer Kimmel's statement declares positively that the proper safeguards were taken before going over the knuckle of the Sand Patch hill, but officials of the road cannot understand why the train was not held under control if all precautions had been observed.

With the death list now standing at five, it is expected to be increased. Fireman Max A. Specht is dying in the Cumberland hospital, but Brakeman E. Henry Smith has some chance of recovery. He is also in the Cumberland hospital. Both men were working better at noon. Specht was arriving in Cumberland from Waynesboro, Pa., today.

Engineer George Kimmel, who escaped by jumping from his locomotive, and Conductor Sylvester K. Ringler, who at one time resided in Connelville, are not seriously hurt.

The body of Engineer C. N. Martz of Hyndman, was found underneath the wreckage at 10 o'clock last night. The cars and engines were piled in such a manner that the wrecking crew could not tell whether Martz had made an attempt to escape as his engine was leaving the rails, or had clung to the train to the last. He was crushed terribly.

The body of John Evans, a pumper from Hyndman, was found in the cab of the second engine, according to the workmen. From the story learned from them, Evans was employed as a pumper at the Sand Patch tunnel improvements and had climbed on the freight to ride home.

An unidentified man, supposedly a trespasser, was dug out. His body, crushed between two cars when they left the track, was taken to Rockwood on a tool car.

Search throughout the night failed to reveal W. G. Smith, brakeman, and C. S. Gardner, fireman. Some workmen near the Sand Patch tunnel said they thought they saw Gardner jump from his engine.

Two trucks were cleared by night, and all east and westbound passengers and west bound freight were sent over them. The eastbound freight was detained over on the Sand Patch line. The Rockwood wrecking crew left the scene of the wreck last night, but the Connelville and Cumberland wrecking crews were here today said the third track would be cleared probably by tomorrow.

With regard to the accident, C. W. Galloway, General Manager of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, made the following official statement as to the cause of the accident:

"Engine 201, in charge of Engineer C. N. Martz, picked up 23 cars of coal at Rockwood, and on account of the mountain grade, engine 201, in charge of Engineer George Kimmel, coupled on ahead to assist from that point. They moved over to Garrett and picked up 22 additional loads, which completed their train, making 45 loaded cars in the train after leaving Garrett. This required the assistance of a second helper, which is the customary practice, and engine 1120 and coupled on the West side of the mountain at Sand Patch, where the rear helper was cut off. This left the two engines on the head end of the train, and appears from the information so far at hand, that it was the purpose of the crew to take the head engine through and cut it off east of the tunnel.

"Engine 201, in charge of the head engine, says that the air was tested at Sand Patch and was in working condition, and he believes that the angle cock of the air brake was turned behind the tank of his engine, cutting off the braking power, which is always in the case of two engines, controlled by the head engine.

"It makes the statement that the speed of the train increased immediately after crossing the summit of the mountain and entering the tunnel. This condition we are unable to account for, and there is every indication that the train was improperly handled, but all the facts with respect to this are not obtainable at this time and can only be developed by the investigation.

General Manager Galloway said he would hold the investigation in Connelville to determine the cause of the wreck as soon as the injured members of the crew are able to be present.

The Rockwood tool train, while on its way to the Glencoe shop, tore out five sets of rails in Sand Patch tunnel, making it unsafe for use. The tunnel was repaired by 2 o'clock in the afternoon and traffic through it resumed.

The Weekly Courier, \$1.00 a year.

## WEST PENN. ELECTRIC CO. MEN HOLD BIG BANQUET

Superintendents and Solicitors Attend Fourth Annual Dinner in Greensburg After Monthly Meeting.

The fourth annual banquet of the West Penn Electric Company, superintendents and solicitors at the Non-Zimmerman House, Greensburg, on Wednesday was attended by 60 representatives from Connelville, Scottdale, Uniontown, Kittsburg, Waynesboro, Washington, Canonsburg, McDonald West Newton, Monongahela City, Charlot, Sewickley, New Kensington, Saltsburg, Leechburg, Butler, Kittanning, Latrobe, Irwin, and Greensburg offices.

Elaborate preparations marked the event. Superintendent of Lighting W. R. Kenney, of Connelville, was guest-master. Addresses were by W. S. Anderson, Chief Clerk, Connelville; Superintendent T. P. Chambers, E. D. Dreyfus, statistician, and Thomas S. Henderson, manager new business department, all of Pittsburgh, and Superintendent of Lighting W. R. Kenney, of Connelville, and Superintendent of Lighting W. R. Kenney, of Connelville, and Superintendent of Lighting W. R. Kenney, of Connelville.

Proceeding the meeting was the regular monthly meeting of superintendents and solicitors in the hotel parlors. Mr. Kenney was in charge of the first period, and Superintendent William Smith, of Greensburg, the second, an open session. Papers were: The Electric Motor versus the Gas Engine, by E. I. Barnard, Connelville, and "Meter Reading," by T. J. Jackman, Irwin. A few short addresses were made.

The "First Aid" plans of the company were discussed and will be brought up in the January meeting in Connelville.

## LADIES' CIRCLE, G. A. R., IS INSPECTED; OFFICERS CHOSEN

Annual Visit of Department Officers is Made to Connelville. Mrs. Moore is President.

Mrs. Lydia Brown, of Pittsburgh, Department President, and Mrs. Mary Deemer, of Greensburg, Inspector of the Ladies Circle, inspected the Connelville Circle No. 100, at its regular meeting Thursday afternoon in Odd Fellows Hall. It was the first visit of the officers and the Circle was found to be in excellent condition. Following the inspection the usual annual election of officers was held, which resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Clinton Moore; Vice President, Mrs. James J. Barnhart; Junior Vice President, Mrs. Stinson, of Scottdale; Treasurer, Mrs. Caroline Chambers; Ringler; Guard, Mrs. Anna McCormick; Conductor, Mrs. David Ritchey. A secretary will be appointed at a later meeting.

Three visitors from the Greensburg Circle were present. At the conclusion of the business meeting refreshments were served and a social session was held. There was a large attendance.

Last evening Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Deemer accompanied by Mrs. Ritchey, Mrs. W. B. Getchell, Mrs. F. O. Goodwin and Mrs. James J. Barnhart, of Connelville, Circle went to Uniontown and attended a meeting of the Circle at that place. The Circle was inspected.

## BURGLARS ROB HOME; LEAVE A FUR COAT WITH ANOTHER

Garment is Found at Dwelling of a Neighbor, and Other Clothing is Also Recovered.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Dec. 18.—On Wednesday night burglars forced an entrance into the South Eagle street home of Marion Husband. An overcoat belonging to Mr. Husband, a fur coat, a suitcase and a fur coat belonging to Miss Husband were taken. The suitcase and two coats were thrown out the window. The fur coat was left at the home of Attorney Eugene Warden further down the street.

No reason is known why Miss Husband's coat was left at Warden's unless that it was a very good coat and perhaps the thief could be traced by having it.

## OFFICERS INSTALLED

Rebekah Lodge at Smithfield Holds Its Annual Ceremonies.

The installation of officers of Lady Gailan Rebekah Lodge, No. 389, of Smithfield, was conducted Thursday evening by District Deputy Marsh Jones of Edinboro Lodge No. 32. The officers installed were as follows: Noble Grand, Mrs. Olive Hill; Vice Grand, Mrs. Sarah Shaff; Recording Secretary, Mrs. R. G. Benson; Treasurer, Mrs. Snyder; and the appointment of the following grand officers were made: Grand Marshal, R. G. Benson; Grand Warden, Mrs. Stuck; Grand Secretary, Mrs. Lou Campbell; Grand Chaplain, Mrs. E. J. Linn; Grand Treasurer, Walter Ramsey; Grand Guardian, Mrs. Ora Brown. The following were appointed to the subordinate chair:

Right Supporter to the Noble Grand, Mrs. Jennie Stuck; Left Supporter to the Noble Grand, Mrs. Abraham; Right Supporter to the Vice Grand, Mrs. Hayes Gaskell; Left Supporter to the Vice Grand, Mrs. E. J. Linn; Warden, Mrs. Goldie Roush; Chaplain, Walter Ramsey; Inside Guard, Wade Riddle; Outside Guard, Mrs. Ora Brown. The installation was followed by a farewell treat by District Deputy Jones. A banquet followed.

## DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Springfield Township Farmer Buried Sunday.

Anthony Olavsky, 45 years old, a farmer residing in Springfield township, died Thursday of pneumonia. Funeral services morning at St. John's Slavish church in the West Side Interment in St. John's cemetery.

In addition to his widow he is survived by the following children: Mary, Anna, Elizabeth, Esther, Paul, John, Steve and George. One sister in this country and one in the old country also survive.

## Gets Development Charter

The Youth Hydro-Electric Company, capitalized at \$5,000 with offices in Pittsburgh, has been granted a charter.

## MEN WHO FOUGHT AT GETTYSBURG TO MEET THERE AGAIN

Connellsville Veterans Prepare for Semi-Centennial Celebration.

### MEET TO GIVE THEIR RECORDS

Ten of Them Attend Meeting of William F. Kurtz Post to Furnish Information Sought by General Stewart—Others Eligible but are Absent.

Civil war veterans, members of the Grand Army of the Republic from Connelville and vicinity gathered in the City Hall Friday to compile necessary data to procure transportation to Gettysburg for the fiftieth anniversary of the memorable battle on July 1, 2 and 3.

Names, dates of enlistments and discharges and commands were collected by W. F. Kurtz, of William F. Kurtz Post, No. 104, G. A. R., to be sent to Adjutant General Thomas J. Stewart, Harrisburg. The old soldiers in Connelville who expressed desire to see the famous battlefield, were:

William P. Clark, Co. B, 142nd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, listed August 28, 1862, discharged May 29, 1865, fought at Gettysburg.

Henry Kurz, Co. H, 142nd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, August 15, 1862, to July 5, 1865, at Gettysburg.

Charles H. Whitely, Co. H, 142nd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, August 14, 1862, to March 11, 1865, at Gettysburg.

Abraham S. Haddock, Co. D, 8th Pennsylvania Reserves, May 1, 1861, to May 25, 1864, at Gettysburg.

W. H. Shaw, Co. H, 112nd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, at Gettysburg.

Edmund Dunn, Co. K, 16th Pennsylvania Cavalry, August 1862, to August 1865, at Gettysburg.

W. H. Artie, Co. H, 142nd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, at Gettysburg.

Cornelius H. 142nd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry was recruited in Connelville. Other members yet living who fought at Gettysburg but failed to attend the meeting were:

Alex Collier, Fred Shearer, Connelville; William Ridenour, Vandellville; William Shiber, Canonsburg; John Karpis, Grant.

Frank W. Baker of Pennsylvania, who enlisted in the Seventh Illinois Cavalry during the war, died at Gettysburg, November 5, 1865, was there but did not register.

John P. Beatty, who enlisted at Gettysburg, July 2, 1861, in the 18th in the Kentucky Artillery, re-enlisted in the Fifth Regiment, United States Veteran Volunteers, March 22, 1865, attended the meeting.

Charles Whitely showed the memento by which he was wounded at Frederickburg, 50 years ago yesterday. Clark told a story of how he, a drummer boy a trifle over 15 years old, laid down his drum at Frederickburg, 50 years ago yesterday, to help carry the flag.

J. R. Bailey was promoted from second to first sergeant during the first day's battle at Gettysburg. While the fight was on, Isaac Francis, a brother-in-law, from Connelville, was promoted from first sergeant to colonel and died later at City Point, Va.

W. H. Shaw was wounded 50 years ago at Frederickburg, went to the hospital, left to fight through Gettysburg and then returned to the hospital. He and Levi Fiestone had narrow escapes from capture at Gettysburg.

## TO QUIT FARMING

Dunbar Township Man Sells His Stock and Implements.

Thomas Means, who has resided on Fairview farm, Dunbar township, owned by Captain Lloyd Johnson and Dr. G. W. Gallagher for some time, Friday disposed of his stock and farming implements at public sale.

Mr. Means intends to quit farming and recently purchased a property.

## Man Dies at Moyer

Samuel Douglas, 63 years old, died Tuesday at his home at Moyer, following a lingering illness of tuberculosis. He was born at Dougal and had resided at Moyer for some time. He was a carpenter by trade. His widow and a large family survive.

## Georges Township Man Dead

David B. Swaney, 69 years old, one of the best known residents of Georges township, died Wednesday of pneumonia.

## MORE RIGID GAME LAWS STATE ARE BEING ADVOCATED

Commission Makes Report to Governor—Narrowly Asking for Additional Warden.

An enactment of a law prohibiting the sale in Pennsylvania of all wild game of a kind found in a wild state in the United States. Killed either within or without this State, except rabbits, the game preserve and game imported from foreign countries and game raised strictly in captivity in this State under existing law, is recommended by the State Game Commission in its annual report to Governor John K. Tener.

The commission also asks for the passage of laws prohibiting the killing of elk in this State, haying just arranged to import elk from the West; placing the turtle dove on the protection list; and the law prohibiting a destroyer of the seeds of weeds and because it is almost exterminated; that funds be appropriated for the maintenance of the game preserve and for creation of others, that a sufficient appropriation be made to enable the commission to employ the officer who will have the duty of employing on State works, and that no law be passed in any manner adding in or permitting the killing of game or wild birds other than is permitted at this time.

The latter recommendation is taken to mean that the commission is against the law prohibiting the killing of deer and foxes or any game in the deer laws, which are just now being much discussed by sportsmen.

The request sets forth that insectivorous birds are increasing and that, while the increase of game is general, it is not everywhere equally abundant because of farming activity, the commission wishes it understood that in this report an increase of various kinds of game in this State, it does not intend to have it understood that any species of game is ever abundant, or that game collectively abounds in excessive quantity in any section of the State.

Recommendation is made that the game warden and protectors be increased and that no sectional or county game laws be passed.

## SHIP FOOD BY PARCELS POST; BOOZE BARRED

Fresh Meat Consignments Accepted Only in First "Zone."

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With the completion a special opening to give the public opportunity to inspect the building may be held on the night before the transfer from the old building is made.

"EMPTY" REVOLVER GOES OFF; SHELBY HAS A CLOSE SHAVE

Policeman Took With Weapon in Prothonotary Office on Friday the Thirteenth.

Special Policeman F. H. Pigeon, who had taken an automatic revolver from one of the foreigners charged with a murder near Fayette City some time ago, was examining the weapon in the Prothonotary's office in Uniontown Friday when it exploded. The bullet narrowly missed Shelby, who was in the office with Deputy Prothonotary Frank Lane, Court Clerk Charles M. Pae, Clerk of Courts Richard Davis and his deputy, Darrel Smiley.

Pigeon removed the cartridges, he thought, and then snapped the trigger. There was a report and the bullet narrowly missed Shelby, went through a door and landed in the wall.

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## LOW FARE FOR TEACHERS.

Railroads Make Special Rate to Educational Conference.

The Trunk Line Association of Railroads has authorized, on account of the Pennsylvania State Educational Association, which meets at Harrisburg, December 23-25, a rate of one and three-fifths fare on certificate plan from points in Pennsylvania and Ohio to Harrisburg. Those who wish to take advantage of this rate will pay full fare to Harrisburg and ask for a certificate from the station agent from whom the ticket is purchased.

On arrival at Harrisburg the certificate will be indorsed by a regularly appointed indorsing agent. This will enable the holder to return by the same route at three-fifths of the regular one-way first-class fare to the point at which the certificate was issued.

## Corset Steel Saver Woman's Life.

A corset steel saved the life of Mrs. Landy of Ellsworth when her husband fired two shots at her. One bullet struck her shoulder and the other glanced from the steel just under her heart. Landy had received an intimation that his wife was going to sue for divorce.

## B. FRANK SMITH SENTENCED; GOES TO INSANE ASYLUM

Slayer of Father and Brother-in-Law Must Stay Until Cured.

### ACQUITTED IN MURDER TRIAL

Sentences are Passed by Court as the November Criminal Term Draws to a Close—Negro Sent to Pen for Burglary.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 18.—B. Frank Smith, slayer of his father and brother-in-law, acquitted by a jury on the grounds of insanity, was sentenced in criminal court today by Judge Van Swearingen after having spent months in the county jail following his capture and trial.

Smith was sentenced to the Pennsylvania Hospital for Criminal Insane at Pottsville, Wayne county. He will be confined there until he recovers his sanity and is safe to be at large, if ever. Smith was brought into court by Sheriff M. A. Kiefer and viewed the proceedings with little apparent interest.

George Davis, the East Millboro negro who was convicted of robbing the home of Margaret Milligan, on his own confession, was sent to the penitentiary for an indeterminate sentence of from four to seven years. Judge Van Swearingen said the confession acted in his favor.

Emilio Volpinovich, who pleaded guilty to carrying concealed weapons, was given the usual sentence of \$75 fine or nine months to the workhouse. Robert D. Andrews, found guilty of receiving stolen goods, was sent to jail for 60 days.

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## TRAIN NO. 10 WILL MAKE NO STOP AT MOUNTAIN TOWNS

New Schedule in Effect Tomorrow; Deprives Convenience and Old-Fashioned of This Service.

A new schedule went into effect on the Connelville division of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad Sunday. Few changes are made, the schedule being issued to include the new train service between Clarksburg and Pittsburgh.

The only other important change affects Confluence and Ohiopyle. Train No. 10 will make no stop in those towns. It was noted that since No. 10 has been running at such an early hour in the morning, travel has not justified the two stops and they will be eliminated. Only occasional passengers leave the train at the two points, it was stated.

## Word From Philippines.

W. E. McVey, who for the past year has been principal of the school at Malolos, Bulacan, Philippine Islands, has been made acting division superintendent, the division superintendent having resigned to practice law. Mrs. McVey will be remembered by the Elizabeth King, formerly society reporter at The Daily News.

## Kennedy Gets a Place.

O'Neil, a student of Uniontown has been appointed Chief Clerk of the State Banking Department by Governor Tener.

## Old Ball Player Dead.

Charles S. Wilhelm, well known as a ball player on the old McCormick Amateurs of the early nineties, died Friday in Uniontown.

## SENTENCES ARE IMPOSED IN SOMERSET BY JUDGE RUPPEL

Baltimore & Ohio Employees Plead Guilty to Conspiracy in Padding the Payroll.

SOMERSET, Dec. 14.—The regular December term of Criminal Court adjourned Thursday morning, when Judge Ruppel imposed several sentences.

Joseph Halyas, of Windham, convicted of an offense against morality preferred against him by Lasi Kadin, drew six months in jail. Lucy Sherman Bendle, who entered a plea of guilty to a charge of a serious nature, in which the prosecutor was Chief of Police James W. Seibert, of Somerset, was sent to jail for sixty days.

Frank Lita, of Ralston, prosecuted on a charge of involuntary manslaughter by Police Emory H. Dayton, was released on parole. Lawrence Rieck, of the same place, charged with wantonly discharging firearms, was also paroled. Both pleaded guilty. The former accidentally shot and killed another foreigner while they were on their way to a wedding in the Ralston Catholic church.

Alonso and Everett Pyle, of Garrett, pleaded guilty to a charge of conspiracy to defraud and brought them by Baltimore & Ohio detective E. P. Ludwig. The former is foreman of section No. 14 of the Baltimore & Ohio's Connelville division and resides at Garrett, and is the father of Everett Pyle. It seems that the latter had been working for the company under his father's direction along with other laborers, and his name was fraudulently kept on the railroad's payroll by his father at the rate of \$1.65 per day, for a period of one month, while the lad was attending the Garrett school and not working.

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## ARSON CHARGED TO WOMAN IN DEFENDING INSURANCE SUIT

Somerset Mutual Company Contests Payment on Loss at a Garrett Hotel.

SOMERSET, Pa., Dec. 12.—Starting about a year ago in the defense suit submitted by the Star Mutual Fire Insurance Company to the suit brought by Mrs. Ellen Bench to recover on a \$1,000 policy, Mrs. Bench's hotel at Garrett was burned in July, 1912. The insurance company of which John A. Berkley is the head, declares no notice was given until September, although the policy requires prompt notification.

The affidavit of defense, sworn to by Berkley, declares that the Board of Directors of the insurance company ordered an investigation of the fire and express the firm conviction that the fire originated in the hotel, and the exact direction of the plaintiff, by persons employed and influenced by her.

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## CONVICT YOUTH FOR MURDER OF HIS PRETTY SWEETHEART

George Henderson Found Guilty in First Degree of Killing Fern Davis at Johnston.

JOHNSTOWN, Dec. 13.—George Henderson was found guilty of murder in the first degree for the killing of pretty Fern Davis, the Johnston clair singer on May 25. The jury considered the case a little more than three hours.

Henderson was charged with beating the girl, who was his sweetheart, over the head and causing her death. The body was found in the cellar of the home of Henderson's mother. Efforts were made by the defense to show that the girl died as the result of an operation.

## POLICE AFTER LIMERICK

Washington Causes Sensation in Lawyer's Office.

Charles A. Limerick, a wanderer from Washington, D. C., of highly respectable and well-to-do family, almost caused a stampede when he suddenly appeared at the office of Saul Prancer, a Cumberland attorney and exclaimed:

"Limerick is my name and I am an administrator of the estate of a son of the late John Limerick, who died in bankruptcy. I have been advised by my attorney in Washington to do this."

Limerick dictated seven letter in which he ordered various people to call on his lawyers and bankers in Washington and collect amounts varying from \$2,000 down to several hundred dollars. Later, it was alleged, Limerick tried to get checks cashed on Cumberland and Washington banks, and the police are looking for him. He had previously visited a number of law offices with tales of wealth.

## LOW FARE FOR TEACHERS.

Railroads Make Special Rate to Educational Conference.

The Trunk Line Association of Railroads has authorized, on account of the Pennsylvania State Educational Association, which meets at Harrisburg, December 23-25, a rate of one and three-fifths fare on certificate plan from points in Pennsylvania and Ohio to Harrisburg. Those who wish to take advantage of this rate will pay full fare to Harrisburg and ask for a certificate from the station agent from whom the ticket is purchased.

On arrival at Harrisburg the certificate will be indorsed by a regularly appointed indorsing agent. This will enable the holder to return by the same route at three-fifths of the regular one-way first-class fare to the point at which the certificate was issued.

## Corset Steel Saver Woman's Life.

A corset steel saved the life of Mrs. Landy of Ellsworth when her husband fired two shots at her. One bullet struck her shoulder and the other glanced from the steel just under her heart. Landy had received an intimation that his wife was going to sue for divorce.

## DEATH WARRANT READ TO DOOMED NEGRO IN JAIL

Sheriff Kiefer Tells John Harris He Must Die December 31.

### CONVICTED MAN KEEPS NERVE

Criminal Court Proceedings Continue at Steady Pace With Trivial Cases Taking Up Attention of the Jurors. Telephone Dispute is Now Ended.

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